

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 rejected by the final Office Action are canceled herein in favor of new claims 25-44, which are submitted to more clearly recite the subject matter which is believed to be patentable. In the final Office Action, claims 1-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,801,747 to Bedard ("*Bedard*"), or under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over *Bedard* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,177,931 B1 to Alexander ("*Alexander*"). For the reasons set forth below, applicant respectfully submits that the claims as amended herein are now fully distinguished over *Bedard* and *Alexander*.

In the final Office Action, the Examiner cited *Bedard* and *Alexander* to reject the formerly pending claims. Both *Bedard* and *Alexander* relate to the transmission of electronic program guide ("EPG") information and storage thereof at a receiver. Various ways are described for manipulating how the EPG information is displayed in a table or row of information on a television receiver.

However, the stored and displayed EPG information merely identifies a list of channels, programs, categories of programs and information about the channels and programs. Neither *Bedard* nor *Alexander* teaches or suggests receiving and selectively storing the actual content containing items, that is, items which contain content information of moving images and/or audio sound such as movies, music, or other moving image or audio content. Such feature recited in each of the independent claims is supported, for example, by the description in paragraph [0028] "The moving images, still images, audio sound, and the like of the contents, which are provided as information, text information, and the like, have been stored in the information storing unit 11."

Nor does *Bedard* or *Alexander* teach or suggest the user

selecting a stored item at a user-selected time (after storing the item) and causing moving images or audio sounds contained in the stored item to be reproduced. Such feature recited in each of the independent claims is supported, for example, by the description in paragraph [0039] of the specification "when the user wants to view the information stored in the storage device 22, he can view it any time." In addition, paragraph [0051] of the specification describes how a user works with a displayed list of information items to select and display stored content items, "the view keys ... are used for *displaying the moving image* or still image information associated with each of the item names, or *for reproducing music*."

In addition, neither *Bedard* nor *Alexander* teach or suggest ways of selecting *content information-containing items* as recited in the presently pending claims, i.e., through first processing and/or second processing as recited in claims 25, 30, 35 and 40. Nor does *Bedard* or *Alexander* teach or suggest the deletion of *content information-containing items* from a user terminal in an order beginning with a stored item having a lowest access priority as claimed in claims 30 and 40, such feature used, for example, to obtain storage space to store content information-containing items having a higher access priority.

Support for the present amendments is provided, *inter alia*, at paragraphs [0027] through [0028], [0039] through [0041], [0044], [0051], and [0064] of the Specification.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he

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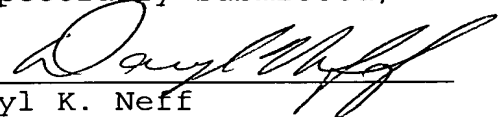
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telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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